



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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Commissioner of Education

FROM: Sharon Katt, Administrator, Adult Program Services

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Approve a Hearing Draft of Rule 22 (92 NAC 22) Regulations Governing the Master Teacher Program, authorize the Commissioner to set a date, time, and place for the hearing, and to appoint a hearing official to conduct the hearing on behalf of the State Board.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The current Rule 22 became effective January 13, 2002; however, no funds were appropriated to implement the financial aspects of the Rule until 2015 when the legislature appropriated funds (\$470,000) for the program. The purpose of the program is to build a group of recognized teachers of high achievement in the teaching profession.

The purpose of this Hearing Draft is to:

- update language regarding required assessment procedures to qualify as a credentialing organization; and
- clarify that applicants must pay the entire initial registration and application fees (\$1,975.00) upfront to be eligible for a partial registration fee award (1/2 of the total \$1,975.00) prior to beginning the process. Participants will be eligible to receive a remaining fee award upon completion of the program.

Master teacher status is granted to any applicant who submits an application to the Department for recognition based on successful completion of the assessment process from an approved credentialing organization. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is generally recognized as the approved credentialing organization which meets the criteria specified in Rule 22. Individuals completing the process will be issued a Professional Teaching Certificate by NDE and will be eligible for an annual \$5,000 salary bonus.

ESTIMATED COST:

Up to \$470,000 will be distributed to teachers who achieve National Board for Professional Teacher certification.

Approximately \$650.00 for costs associated with public notice and for print copies for distribution upon approval of the revised rule.

Minimal staff costs associated with implementing the program and managing the program will be attributed to general funds which were allocated for this purpose.